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is left behind
or forgotten.

Dear members of The Arc Westchester family,

We hope that this letter finds you, our treasured family members, healthy and hopeful for what lies ahead.

People often ask us, “How did you get through the first year of COVID-19?” Simply put, we never lost sight of our mission. Every decision made by the leadership team at The Arc Westchester – crisis or not – is guided by the health, happiness and safety of the **2,000** individuals with developmental disabilities who we support, and the **850** caring professionals they rely on – **every day**.

And, most importantly, we never lost sight of **you**. Thank you for living the mission of our family, and proving again that family is not just about blood, it is about **deep affection, respect, and loyalty**. Having family means **feeling secure** because you have someone **you can count on**. Family means having respect for each other and responsibility for one another.

Last year, when all of our day services for 550 individuals, and in-home visits for 240 individuals living in our 45 residences, were suspended to limit the spread of COVID-19, you came through, **again and again**, with funds to cover unbudgeted expenses: \$250,000 for protective equipment and sanitizing supplies; and over \$350,000 enhanced pay to retain our direct support staff in their critical roles, and to help bridge the budget gap caused by the disruption in the \$15 million received annually in Medicaid funding for providing these services.

And you didn't stop there. Sixty individuals and 40 employees from local corporations, including REGENERON and RAND, volunteered time and talent to remotely assist individuals who wanted to keep up their job, social, and communication skills for when it was safe to return to in-person activities. **You**, our incredible devoted **family**, donated countless meals to our homes for weary staff and isolated residents who were safely sheltering in place. Together, long-time family members the Israels and new-comer Bombas socks donated the contents for one of the employees’ “We Care” bags to show a deep appreciation for their essential work.

Right: In May, our White Plains and Armonk homes received special visits from State Senator Shelley Mayer (37th District). The Senator personally delivered a pizza and pasta lunch to thank the homes’ hardworking Direct Support Professionals for their heroic work on the front lines.



Residential support staff lovingly prepare family meals for our residents every day.



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They are counting on us – we are counting on you.

We recently passed the one-year mark since COVID-19 first hit Westchester County. While the days of patient zero and the first containment zone in New Rochelle feel like distant memories, **we continue to weather the impact of this pandemic on a daily basis.**

In addition to the ongoing expenses of **personal protective equipment (PPE), which costs nearly \$50,000 per month,** we are faced with building a robust digital infrastructure that can support the remote delivery of services. Whether it is helping individuals in our homes access telehealth appointments, providing remote programs for children in our pre-school, connecting with individuals who remain safest at home, or expanding the delivery of young adult transition services, **a significant investment in technology is critical for our continued success.** We receive no public funding for this project and rely heavily on your philanthropic dollars.

Further, **devastating budget cuts from New York State are looming and will negatively impact the individuals living in our 45 residences.** The Arc Westchester remains committed to providing these individuals with an optimal quality of life, and your generous support will play an integral role in allowing us to maintain that standard.

Your support during this pandemic, and beyond, enables us to **always be here,** providing excellent programs and services.

You inspire us to pursue new, innovative ways to deliver these vital services that enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities. **They are counting on us — we are counting on you.**

Because of **you,** and your commitment to **our** family, we will do more than just survive, we will thrive. Embraced by a bond so powerful and strong, not even the test of trials or troubles can breach it. **Because of you, nobody in our family is left behind or forgotten.**

Wishing you continued health and happiness.

With deepest gratitude,



Tibi Guzmán
Executive Director/CEO
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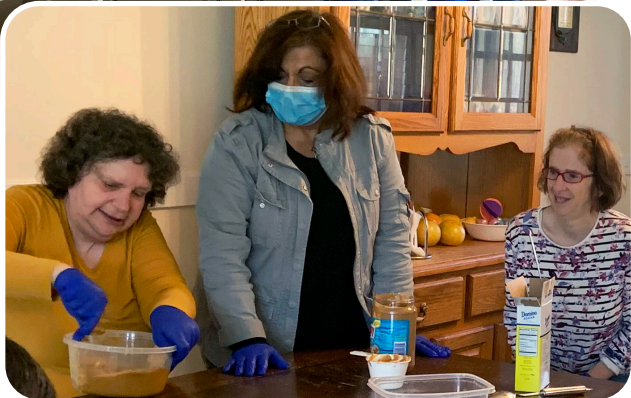


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P.S.: A **recurring gift** from our family of supporters, usually made monthly, protects the long-term financial health of The Arc Westchester. It's easy and secure – to learn more, visit: **www.arcwestchester.org**



When The Children's School for Early Development was faced with a shift to remote learning, our team quickly launched Google Classrooms and began delivering services virtually.



Residential support staff teach residents how to make easy, nutritious foods and engage them in healthy, fun activities, like ping-pong and basketball.

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